ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

The Bard College at Simon’s Rock intersession program on the island of Montserrat ("the Program") includes a variety of activities including ground, air, and water transportation; exploring urban and rural areas; trekking; and staying in various types of accommodations. Before a student may participate in this trip, the following form must be completed by the student and by the parent or legal guardian of any student who is under the age of 18.

I,_______________________________, acknowledge that I have voluntarily elected to participate in the Bard College at Simon’s Rock Program in Montserrat during Intersession 2016 (December 27, 2015-January 20, 2016), and I further acknowledge that I have been provided with information about the Program and that I have read and understood such information. I agree to follow all College Policies as outlined in the 2015-2016 Student Handbook.

I acknowledge that travel with this Program and participation in all aspects of the activities can involve the risk of injury and illness to myself or damage to my property. I understand that, due to the nature of international travel, such risks cannot be completely eliminated. I voluntarily accept all risk of personal injury, illness, death and damage that my property may incur resulting from my participation in this Program. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities of my participation in the Program, including transportation and any activities incident thereto, and I hereby release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Bard College, Bard College at Simon’s Rock, their trustees, officers, agents, employees, contractors (collectively "Releasees"), with respect to any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, cost, or expense of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, suffering and death, or any damage that my property may incur, whether caused by the contributory negligence of the College or carelessness of the Releasees or otherwise, while participating in, or in transit to or from, the Program or any activities associated with the Program.

I understand that this Release is for the benefit of Bard College and Bard College at Simon’s Rock and their affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, employees, and related entities only. Third parties, such as common carriers, hotels, or travel agencies are not released from liability for their acts.

This Release shall be interpreted under and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

STUDENT/PARTICIPANT:

[Printed Name]  [Signature]  [Date]

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: (for all students under the age of 18 as of September 25, 2015)

[Printed Name]  [Signature]  [Date]